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Mr. Kevin B. Cronin
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Dear Mr. Cronin:

The attached 2001 Customer Satisfaction Report is submitted in response to PSC113.0609 Customer Satisfaction Surveys and the Wisconsin Power and Light Methodology Plan submitted March 26, 2001.

If you have questions, please contact Terry Nicolai at 252-5039 or me at 252-4848.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Schuler

Manager - Market Research

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# Wisconsin Power and Light Year 2001 Customer Satisfaction Wisconsin Public Service Commission

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## Methodology

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### Results

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# Customer Service Component<sup>1</sup>

Mean

How would you rate your representative on...

listening to you?	8.15
demonstrating genuine concern for your needs?	7.74
being helpful?	8.00
having sufficient knowledge?	7.75
being courteous?	8.51
solving your problem or answering your question	8.02
How would you rate your local electric utility on their ability to deliver what was promised?	8.16
How would you rate the promptness in being able to speak to that person?	7.48

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based only on respondents that called Alliant Energy (Wisconsin Power and Light) in the past twelve months and spoke to a customer service representative

## Power Quality & Reliability Component

Mean

How would you rate the ability of your electric company to...

provide electricity service without spikes or surges?	7.60
avoid brief interruptions of 5 minutes or less?	7.34
adequately maintain their distribution wires, poles, and transformers?	7.68
supply electricity during very hot or very cold weather	
conditions? avoid lengthy outages of more than 5 minutes?	7.96 7.12
provide reliable electric service to your home?	8.16
keep you informed about an outage?	5.99

# Billing Component

Mean

How would you rate the...

accuracy of the meter reading and calculation of the	
amount to pay?	7.03
quality of the information available on your bill?	7.45
ease of finding the exact amount to pay?	8.50
ease of understanding your monthly electric bill?	7.19
length of time you are given to pay your bill without	
penalties?	7.36
the options you have for how you pay your bill?	7.32
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## **Business Customers**

## **Methodology**

100 completed telephone interviews with Wisconsin Power and Light business customers. Telephone survey conducted by Kiley Marketing, Inc., Madison, WI. October 17-24, 2001.

## Results

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Customer Interactions	Mean
Alliant Energy is easy to contact.	4.13
Alliant Energy is able to answer my questions.	4.03
If a problem occurs, Alliant Energy is able to solve the problem to my satisfaction.	3.91
Alliant Energy follows up on my requests.	4.05
Alliant Energy takes "ownership" of my problems and works until they are resolved.	3.94

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Power Quality & Reliability	Mean
Alliant Energy is easy to reach when I need to report a power problem.	4.18
Alliant Energy keeps the number of outages (planned and unplanned) down to a minimum	4.47
The utility keeps us informed of any planned outages.	4.18
Alliant Energy keeps the number of surges/fluctuations in	
power down to a minimum.	4.13
When an outage occurs, Alliant Energy provides accurate information about when power will be restored.	3.91
Alliant Energy keeps my company informed of any system maintenance they need to perform.	4.05
When an outage occurs, Alliant Energy restores service quickly.	4.29

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